

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 322 - SB 1662

March 23, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the use of parental alienation syndrome from being a factor considered in child custody matters and in mitigating or overruling a finding of child abuse or sexual abuse of a child. Restrictions in permanent or temporary parenting shall apply regardless of any claim of parental alienation be a parent who has been found to be the perpetrator of child abuse or child sexual abuse. The common law tort of parental alienation and the cause of action for such common law tort is abolished.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

State Revenue – Net Impact – Not Significant
State Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant

Local Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant
Local Revenue – Net Impact – Not Significant

Assumption:

- A small impact in cases in the court system, which will result in an impact to state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and an impact to state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. The net impact on these expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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